



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:
U.S. Application of: Kenji TAKADA and Yoshio HAGIHARA
For: SOLID-STATE IMAGE SENSING DEVICE
U.S. Serial No.: 09/922,763
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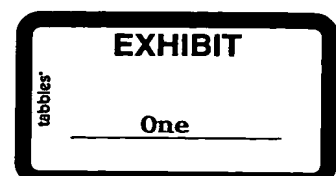
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Dear Sir:

DECLARATION OF FACTS
BY PATRICIA A. McLEAN

I, Patricia A. McLean, a legal assistant employed by Sidley Austin Brown & Wood as a specialist in preparing and filing U.S. patent applications and related documents, hereby declare that:

On August 6, 2001, I assembled the various application papers for the above identified patent application, and then I physically placed the following items in a



single Express Mail envelope addressed to BOX PATENT APPLICATION, Assistant Director for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 and sealed the envelope:

- (1) Application Transmittal Letter, dated August 6, 2001;
- (2) Original Specification (72 pages, including 41 claims and an abstract);
- (3) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (6 pages);
- (4) Formal Drawings (33 sheets);
- (5) Transmittal Letter (2 pages) with a certified copy of Japanese priority document no. 2000-264059 (98 pages);
- (6) Transmittal letter (2 pages) with PrintEFS Patent Application Bibliographic Data (2 pages);
- (7) Information Disclosure Statement (3 pages), PTO-1449 Form (1 page), and copy of four (4) cited references;
- (8) Assignment (2 pages), with attached Recordation Form Cover Sheet (1 page) (in duplicate);
- (9) Postcard for "PATENT APPLICATION";
- (10) Postcard for "TRANSMITTAL OF PRINT EFS PATENT APPLICATION BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA"; and
- (11) Postcard for "CERTIFIED COPY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT transmitting Japanese Pat. Appln. 2000-264059".

On August 6, 2001, I delivered the resulting sealed envelope, with its contents as listed above, to Derrick T. Gordon for delivery to the U.S. Post Office.

The application papers, which were transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail on August 6, 2001, for the above identified patent application included each of the items (1) through (11) listed above.

Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and accurate copy of said Application Transmittal Letter dated August 6, 2001.

Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and accurate copy of the backside of the post card receipt for the "PAPERS: PATENT APPLICATION...", showing receipt of the application papers as of August 6, 2001 and assignment of Serial No. 09/922,763.

Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a true and accurate copy of the backside of the post card receipt for "TRANSMITTAL OF PRINT EFS PATENT APPLICATION BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA", showing receipt by the Patent and Trademark Office as of August 6, 2001, and assignment of Serial No. 09/922,955.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application and any patent issuing thereon.

By:


Patricia A. McLean

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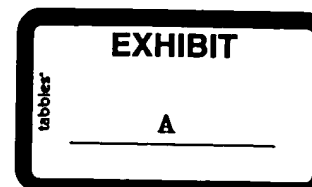
Re: New U.S. Patent Application
SOLID-STATE IMAGE SENSING DEVICE
By: Kenji TAKADA ad Yoshio HAGIHARA
Our File: 15162/03880
Your File: GP-350 (Minolta's Ref.: F010837/IH)

Dear Mr. Sano:

We acknowledge receipt of and thank you for your letter of July 31, 2001, with enclosures.

Enclosed with the confirmation copy of this letter is a copy of each of the following application papers which were transmitted today via Express Mail for filing with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

- (1) Our transmittal letter;
- (2) Specification;
- (3) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- (4) Formal Drawings (33 sheets);
- (5) Transmittal of PrintEFS Patent Application Bibliographic Data;
- (6) Certified Copy of Priority Document (transmittal letter only); and



Mr. Shizuo Sano
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- (7) Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 Form (without copies of the cited references).

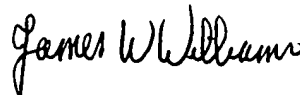
Also enclosed is a copy of the Assignment of the above-referenced invention to MINOLTA CO., LTD., that was transmitted today for recordation in the Patent and Trademark Office, with a copy of the Recordation Form Cover Sheet. We will provide you with the original Assignment document after it has been recorded and returned to us.

As soon as we have been notified by the Patent and Trademark Office of the filing date and serial number accorded the application, we will provide you with that information.

We will keep you informed of all developments in the Patent and Trademark Office regarding this case. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

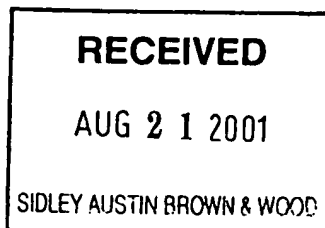
We appreciate the opportunity of working with you on this application.

Very truly yours,



James W. Williams

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Enclosures (with confirmation copy)



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PAPERS: PATENT APPLICATION, including Specification (72 pgs., including 41 claims and an abstract); Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (6 pgs.); Formal drawings (33 sheets - Figs. 1-50); Transmittal Letter with Deposit Account Authorization (3 pgs.) (in duplicate) (Via Express Mail, with Mail Certification)

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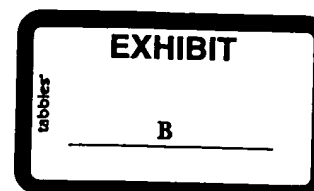
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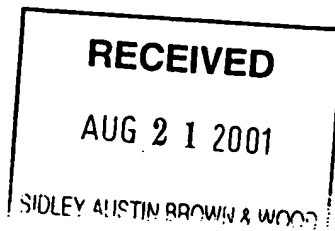
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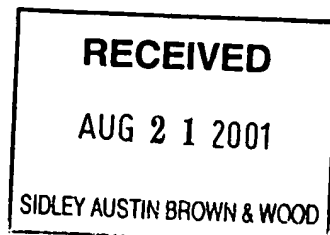
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